

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 1-4, and adds new claims 5-7.

Therefore, the present application has pending claims 5-7.

Support for Amendments

The amendments are fully supported by the disclosure. For example, new claim 5 is supported by: paragraph [0028] and Figs. 10 and 23; paragraph [0026] and Figs. 9 and 24; Figs. 25 and 26. By way of further example, new claim 6 is supported by: paragraph [0025]; and paragraphs [0014] to [0015]. By way of even further example, new claim 7 is supported by paragraphs [0031] to [0036].

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097322 to Monroe ("Monroe"). As previously indicated, claims 1 and 2 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection of claims 1 and 2 is rendered moot.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Monroe. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0062997 to Naidoo ("Naidoo") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,821 to Ballantyne ("Ballantyne"). As previously indicated, claims 3 and 4 were canceled. Therefore, these rejections of claims 3 and 4 are rendered moot.

New Claims 5-7

Claims 5-7 were added to more clearly describe features of the present invention. More specifically, claims 5-7 were added to more clearly describe a video distribution system as described, for example, in independent claim 1.

The present invention, as recited in claim 1, provides a video distribution

system for distributing a video through a network to a client terminal. The video distribution system including: a user information holding means that manages a plurality of user accounts and holds user information of each of the user accounts; a monitoring page transmitting means that transmits a web page to the client terminals, the web page including a display area and an operation area; a setting box transmitting means that transmits to the client terminals a setting box for setting a pattern of arrangement for displaying videos in the display area; an arrangement registering means that registers a plurality of patterns of videos for each user in the user information holding means, each pattern of videos registered being based on a corresponding notice from the client terminal; a list transmitting means that transmits a list of patterns of videos registered by a corresponding user to the client terminals; and a video distributing means, which for each client terminal, receives video distribution requests from the client terminal, each video distribution request indicating a corresponding one of the videos in a pattern of videos selected by the client terminal from the list of patterns of videos registered, and distributes to the client terminal the videos corresponding to the video distribution requests. The prior art does not disclose all of these features.

The above described features of the present invention, as now more clearly recited in the claims, are not taught or suggested by any of the references of record, particularly Monroe, whether taken individually or in combination with any of the other references of record.

For example, Monroe, whether taken individually or in combination with any of the other references of record, fails to teach or suggest “a list transmitting means that transmits a list of patterns of videos registered by a corresponding user to the client terminals; and a video distributing means, which for each client terminal, receives video distribution requests from the client terminal, each video distribution

request indicating a corresponding one of the videos in a pattern of videos selected by the client terminal from the list of patterns of videos registered, and distributes to the client terminal the videos corresponding to the video distribution requests” as recited in claim 5.

As shown, for example, in Figs. 25 and 26, the present invention includes a server that stores a plurality of registered arrangement patterns. A client reads the patterns, selects a desired pattern from the plurality of patterns, and actively executes a video request and a video display arrangement based on the selected pattern. That is, the server is not involved with arranging, on the client, the video transmitted from the server. More specifically, as shown in Fig. 25, step 2503, a result selected at step 2503 is never transmitted to the server, and as shown in Fig. 26, from step 2601 to following steps, a process for display the four screen pattern is started.

In particular, as recited in the claims, the list transmitting means transmits a list of patterns of videos registered by a corresponding user to the client terminals, and the video distributing means receives, for each client terminal, video distribution requests from the client terminal, each video distribution request indicating a corresponding one of the videos in a pattern of videos selected by the client terminal from the list of patterns of videos registered. The video distributing means also distributes to the client terminal the videos corresponding to the video distribution requests. This is quite different from Monroe.

For example, as shown in Fig. 7, Monroe merely discloses a four plane display – more specifically, where a primary screen 100 with the map zone 102 and with the viewing zone 104 reconfigured into a four pane display 104a, 104b, 104c, 104d. This is not the same as the present invention, which includes a list

transmitting means that transmits a list of patterns of videos registered by a corresponding user to the client terminals.

By way of further example, as shown in Fig. 1, and as described in paragraph [0108], Monroe merely discloses displaying a desired camera within a desired `pane` in the video display area, which is done by pointing to the desired area on the map, then `dragging` the camera icon to the desired pane. This is not the same as the present invention, which includes a video distributing means that receives, for each client terminal, video distribution requests from the client terminal, each video distribution request indicating a corresponding one of the videos in a pattern of videos selected by the client terminal from the list of patterns of videos registered, where the video distributing means distributes to the client terminal the videos corresponding to the video distribution requests.

Therefore, Monroe does not teach or suggest the features of the present invention, as recited in claims 5-7. Accordingly, allowance of claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

The remaining references of record have been studied. Applicants submit that they do not supply any of the deficiencies noted above with respect to the references used in the rejection of claims 5-7.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 5-7 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of BRUNDIDGE & STANGER, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-4888 (referencing Attorney Docket No. ASA-5423).

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